

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SOUTH CERNEY ON WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2011

Present: Chairman M. Stuart
 Vice Chairman P. Nicholas
 Parish Councillor Mrs F. Chapman
 Mrs E. Chubb
 J. Harris
 P. Jay
 D. Land
 Mrs. C. Tunbridge
 C. Wearing
 R. Webb

Members of the R Way group and Emily Hallett (Youth Group Co-ordinator) also attended.

The Chairman, Cllr Stuart opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Kimberley had given his apology as he was engaged in youth activities.

Cllr Bennett had sent an apology for his absence as he was on holiday.

Ian Craig (Press) had sent an apology for his absence as he was attending the AGM of the Water Park Trust.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER 2011

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It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Mrs Chapman that the minutes, after alteration, were a true and accurate record. The Parish Council was all in favour.

R WAY COMMITTEE

Cllr Wearing, Chairman of the R Way Committee, reported that the efforts of R-Way to recruit a youth worker was proving a difficult process although the search was continuing with Emily Hallett searching for a suitable candidate throughout the district. Cllr Stuart advised the group to contact Maj (Retd) R. H. D. Martin at the Duke of Gloucester Barracks as he may be able to help. Cllr Wearing told the meeting that the football team was progressing, although slowly. Jasmin Tresadern informed the meeting about a trip to London on 25th October to protest about the withdrawal of youth provision nationally and hope to complain directly to Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP about the situation in Gloucestershire. In October R Way had gathered at Robert Franklin Way playing area and cleaned up the equipment and surrounding area. Cllr Harris wished the group well in its endeavours and their planned exploit in London.

MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Nicholas had edited a letter to the Chief Executive of Cotswold District Council Mr D. Neudegg on the alleged planning breaches reported at Lake 31.

Cllr Stuart reported on an invitation from Trevor Wright Design Director at Redrow Homes South West, to a meeting with Barry Stiles Regional Director, to discuss the current planning position and their forthcoming reserved matters planning application on the Mallards. It was agreed that a small delegation from the Parish Council would be available for such a meeting at 6 pm on Thursday 20th October.

Cllr Jay reminded members of the Personnel Committee about its meeting planned for 2nd November to discuss the Clerk's assessment.

CLERK'S REPORT

On Wednesday 21st September I was invited to a lunch meeting with Cllr Jay and Cllr Stuart at the Fleece Hotel in Cirencester to discuss my employment with the Parish Council. It was a convivial affair where I was able to address the minor problems I experience from time to time in carrying out my duties. I feel that such meetings help stymie situations which may lead to potential conflicts and would welcome it as an annual event. It also affords an informal forum to the Parish Council to suggest changes to my work pattern.

On Friday 7th October I attended a meeting of the Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire branch of the SLCC at Churchdown Parish Council offices. The SLCC President Bruce Poole gave a report of his activities during the past year. He is also a Clerk to two parishes in Somerset and in the course of his presidency he travelled over 12,000 miles including representing the Society in the USA. His visit to Churchdown was the last in his calendar and he was mightily glad that his stint was now over. He was followed by the guest speaker Rod Latham who is the Financial Advisor to the SLCC. He spoke about the imminent demise of the Audit Commission and outlined the various options being discussed for its replacement. The present system of audit will remain for at least two more years. Replacing the Audit Commission is proving more difficult than at first thought. He also advised on when Parish Councils might charge output VAT even though their sector was not registered. If there was occasion when a Parish Council might perform a task for reward which could compete with a registered company and the value was significant then to create an equitable basis VAT should be included. He was not forthcoming on what a significant amount might be and suggested that any Parish in this situation should check with its local VAT office. Unfortunately the meeting was not quorate and no decisions could be taken on the programme for 2012.

I would like to draw your attention to our calendar for the coming year. Our April Committee meetings are scheduled for Easter Monday, i.e. 9th April. The March meetings take place on the 12th and 14th March. Would it be better to move the April meetings to 16th and 18th rather than have them on the 2nd and 4th? After some discussion the Parish Council agreed that the Committee meetings in April would be held on Monday 16th followed with the Parish Council meeting on 18th April. In May the Parish Council agreed that the Committees would meet on Monday 7th May which is the May Bank Holiday and the Parish Council would meet on the 9th May.

During September of the 22 available working days I averaged 3 hours 55 minutes per day which is par for my which I am contracted.

REPORT OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Mrs Chubb, Cllr Harris, Cllr Kimberley, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge attended the meeting.

Cllr Stuart had opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Apology

Cllr Nicholas had been delayed at work.

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

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Toddlers Play Area signs

Cllr Harris reported that he had put up the signs on the Toddlers Play area at Robert Franklin Way play area.

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Land at The Piece, Station Road

The Clerk reported that there had not been any communication from the owner of Sunset Cottage regarding the use of part of The Piece as a car park.

Bus Shelter Roof

Cllr Stuart confirmed that work had yet to begin on the bus shelter roof at the junction of Clarks Hay, Station Road and High Street although he had noticed the contractor in discussions at the site.

Train Unit at Robert Franklin Way play area

The Clerk had reported serious damage to the floor of one of the carriages of the Train Unit to Timberline Ltd. Cllr Kimberley had taped off the damaged section to prevent its use.

Corrosion of Slide and Climbing Frame at Cerney Wick play area

Cllr Stuart had met with Mr Patrick Ward and inspected the corrosion on the slide and climbing frame in Cerney Wick. Before any repair can be contemplated the damaged parts should be sand blasted to determine the extent and possibility of repair. The Committee agreed with a suggestion from Cllr Harris that two quotations are sought: one to determine the extent of the damage and another to prepare the units for total refurbishment.

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Base of Youth Shelter at Upper Up playing field

Cllr Stuart will liaise with Dean Wheeler on the cost of replacing the base of the Youth Shelter with concrete.

Dangerous Weeping Willows in Bow Wow

Further to his email warning about imminent danger from falling branches the Clerk was asked to inform Chris Franklin at Gloucestershire Highways about an incident of a 6 inch diameter limb of a Weeping Willow which had fallen on the road in Bow Wow. The branch had been moved to the side of the road to allow traffic to pass. Chris Franklin had responded by email stating that Dave Flagg had requested that these trees are inspected, and a report is awaited from the County's inspector. As soon as it arrives its conclusions will be forwarded.

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Fanshawe Weir

Committee discussed the response from the Environment Agency and totally accept that it is the principal agency involved with the management of the river and weir. The Parish Council has no intention of usurping its authority and sees itself as a facilitator and watchdog of its local assets. However, this acknowledgement does not extend its involvement to instructing local landowners on their duties to manage their maintenance. In the circumstances it requests that the Environment Agency contact Lady Fanshawe and inform her of the publication "Living on the Edge". The Committee wishes to reiterate that now is a propitious time to carry out work on the stop boards of the weir and the removal of excess gravel in view of the paucity of water in the river.

Enlargement of Upper Up Car Park

An inspection meeting of the Committee had yet to be arranged.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Cerney Wick

Cllr Mrs Chapman reported that the slide and climbing frame were in need of refurbishment. Otherwise the site was in good order.

Robert Franklin Way

Cllr Mrs Chubb and Cllr Mrs Tunbridge had carried out the weekly inspections at Robert Franklin Way play area. The damage to the floor of the end carriage of the Train Unit had been noted and the Clerk requested to inform to Timberline Ltd.

Upper Up

Cllr Stuart carried out the inspections. Cllr Stuart will liaise with Dean Wheeler on the refurbishment of the surface of the Youth Shelter. The Cycle Mounds were being redesigned by a new band of users. The Clerk was to ask R.O.W. Berry to reinforce a damaged fence support by the entrance to the field at the car park.

TASK LIST

Cllr Harris and Cllr Kimberley had carried out a tree inspection and their report would be discussed in Correspondence. This item could now be removed from the list.

Action required on the overgrowing hedges in Bow Wow to be updated to read: Monitor agreement to cut the hedges before Christmas.

Damage to the Train Unit to be added to the list.

Work on the base of the Youth Shelter at Upper Up to be added to the list.

Investigation of play equipment at Cerney Wick after sand blasting.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Harris reported that the street sign Box Bush Road has become detached from its mounting and needs to be reinstalled.

Cllr Kimberley reported that there is an overgrowing hedge outside No.62 Berkeley Close which needs to be trimmed back.

Cllr Stuart reported that Adrian Gibbs had asked him if he thought that another grass cut would be necessary. So far this season he had completed 11 out of the 12 cuts for which he had been contracted. As the weather was continuing in its mild form and there was still grass growth the Committee agreed that a further cut could well be achieved if circumstances persisted.

Cllr Stuart reported that cut grass and other rubbish was being left in Gypsy Lane. Cllr Kimberley was planning a clean-up of the area with the R-Way team.

Correspondence

Cllr Jay had a request from two residents for a doggie bin in School Lane. The Committee was in full agreement and would ask the Finance Committee to accept its recommendation to install. Cllr Stuart will liaise with Andrew Woropaj, Cleansing Supervisor at Cotswold District Council as to the best place to position the bin.

Cllr Jay once again requested that signs advising walkers and cyclists crossing the Spine Road in the vicinity of the Gateway centre should be installed showing that an alternative

route is available to make the crossing under the bridge by the canal. The Clerk will ask Gloucestershire Highways, GCC PROW and Cotswold District Council to consider installing such signs in the interest of public safety.

Cllr Harris and Cllr Kimberley had completed their tree report. There was a need for hedge trimming on Upper Up between the Cricket Pitch and the pond and the boundary with Walnut Tree Farmhouse. In view of the current dry weather conditions facilitating access to the playing fields, Cllr Harris will negotiate with Fred Timbrell for his best price. The Parish Council was in agreement as it trusted the contractor to only charge for the time taken as he had historically. Other work detailed in the report will be sent out to relevant contractors for quotation.

Cllr Webb reported that the hedges along Broadway Lane, especially between the Bosch building to Hoburne, alongside the Fishing Club lake and Lake 17 all needed to be cut back. The Clerk will write to the land owners. He also complained about an overgrowing rose bush outside 30 Broadway Lane. The Clerk will write to the occupant.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart had closed the meeting at 8.13 pm.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Cllr Jay, Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Webb attended the meeting.

Cllr Jay opened the meeting at 8.30 pm.

Apology

Cllr Stuart had left the Committee meetings as he had other business to attend.

Matters Arising

Cllr Jay wished to remind those Parish Councillors who were eligible to receive an allowance, to inform the Clerk of their intentions if they had not already done so.

Spreadsheet Analysis

The sixth spreadsheet showed expenditure as expected.

Recommendations for acceptance from the Playing Fields & Village Maintenance Committee

The Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee had recommended that the Finance Committee agrees to the installation of a dog waste bin at the end of School Lane. The Finance Committee was in full agreement. It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Harris that the Parish Council accepts the recommendation of its Finance Committee. The Parish Council was in full agreement. Cllr Stuart would inform Mr Woropaj of this extra bin decision and discuss with him its most appropriate location.

Payments In

CDC	Final precept tranche	£16,297.00
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Payments Out

Petty Cash	Bus shelter cleansing (October)	£50.00
Petty Cash	Litter picking (October)	£100.00
M. McKee	BT telephone, internet access (September)	£39.52
M. McKee	Clerk's travel (September)	£20.80
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Delegate fee for SLCC National Conference	£438.00

R.O.W. Berry	Maintenance work on bench at Upper Up	£55.00
R.O.W. Berry	Maintenance work on fence at Upper Up	£40.00
Raymond Fenton	Updating web pages 1-07-2011–30-09-2011	£150.00
Mike Stuart	Councillor's allowance	£800.00
Mike Stuart	Mileage reimbursement for visit to Northleach	£19.40
Mrs E. M. Hallett	South Cerney Youth Group	£212.16
Southern Electric	Unmetered electricity supply to bus shelters	£10.12
Adrian Gibbs	Ground Maintenance (September)	<u>£1,459.20</u>

Sub total: £3,394.20

Cllr Webb had inspected all invoices and agreed the Clerk's expenses for September.

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council agrees to make the above payments. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Wearing declared a prejudicial interest in this next payment as the recipient was his father and left the room.

Kelvin Wearing	Composting labour (September)	<u>£60.00</u>
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Sub total: £3,454.20

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Mrs Land that the Parish Council agrees to make the above payment. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Wearing rejoined the debate.

Cllr Harris declared a prejudicial interest in the next payment as recipient and left the room.

James Harris Contracting	Timber for compost bays	<u>£232.71</u>
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Total: £3,686.91

It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Mrs Land that the Parish Council agrees to make the above payment. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Harris rejoined the debate.

Internal audit analysis

Cllr Jay had carried out an internal audit of the accounts and concluded that after running an audit trail for every fifth item of expenditure by checking it against the Parish Council Minutes, the ledger, the cheque book, the bank statement and the invoice; checking every item of income and the ledger totals (both horizontal and vertical) could not find the slightest discrepancy and marvelled at the meticulous way the accounts were presented. Cllr Jay recommended that the Parish Council should congratulate the Clerk on his book keeping. The Parish Council was in full agreement.

Precept Planning meeting

Cllr Jay recommends that a poster is displayed on the notice boards informing residents of their chance to participate in the Precept discussions on Wednesday 7th December at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall which will explain how the Parish Council makes its financial plans for the year April 2012–2013 and their opportunity to suggest schemes for funding.

Cllr Mrs Land declared a prejudicial interest in the next item as she was one of the organisers and left the room.

A request for funding of a Christmas Lunch had been received from DISC. The Committee had recommended that the Parish Council agrees to grant DISC £100. As the function was to fall prior to the S.137 decisions in March it was agreed to bring forward this grant. It was proposed by Cllr Jay and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council agrees to grant DISC £100. The Parish Council was in full agreement.

Cllr Mrs Land returned to the room.

There being no further business Cllr Jay had closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Cllr Mrs Chapman, Cllr Mrs Land, Cllr Nicholas and Cllr Webb attended the meeting.

Cllr Nicholas had opened the meeting at 9 pm.

Apology

Cllr Stuart had made an apology for his absence to a previous meeting.

Matters Arising

Cllr Nicholas informed the Committee of the on-going discussions on the S.106 Mallards agreement. The Clerk had forwarded all relevant emails to Parish Councillors.

At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Nicholas repeated his analysis of the draft S.106 agreement. To aid the Parish Council, Cllr Stuart suggested that Cllr Nicholas contacts Barbara Pond of GRCC who had extensive experience of negotiating Village Hall schemes. The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Nicholas makes an appropriate response to Harrow Estates plc.

Planning applications received by Cotswold District Council

For clarity, proposals with (R) at the end of the description signify that a response to the application has already been made and ratification is sought.

Cllr Mrs Chubb, Cllr Jay, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb all declared a prejudicial interest in the following application as they were members of the Village Hall Committee and left the room.

11/02761/FUL (Further Details)

Applicant: Mrs Godwin, c/o Agent Mr Nathan McLoughlin, McLoughlin Planning, Signpost Cottage, The Camp, Stroud GL6 7HN

Proposal: Erection of 2 dwellings at 22 School Lane, South Cerney SGL7 5TY (R)

OBJECTION

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholas and seconded by Cllr Mrs Land that the Parish Council upholds the decision of its Planning Committee and ratifies its decision to object to the application. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Mrs Chubb, Cllr Jay, Cllr Stuart and Cllr Webb returned to the room.

11/04064/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Malgrem, 2 Broadway Cottages, Broadway Lane, South Cerney GL7 5UH

Proposal: Proposed single and double storey pitch roof. Rear extension to existing dwelling at 2 Broadway Cottages, Broadway Lane, South Cerney GL7 5UH (R)

NO OBJECTION

11/04080/FUL

Applicant: Mr Stuart Macintosh, Hales Farm, Cirencester Road, South Cerney GL7 6HU

Proposal: Proposed Solar PV panels to garden at Hales Farm, Cirencester Road, South Cerney GL7 6HU

NO OBJECTION

11/04114/FUL

Applicant: Mr Mick Smith, The Cottage, Upper Up, South Cerney GL7 5US
 Proposal: Demolition of existing rear extension and detached garage and proposed replacement two storey rear extension at The Cottage, Upper Up, South Cerney GL7 5US
 NO OBJECTION

11/04328/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs K. Little, 5 The Bramptons, Shaw, Swindon, Wilts
 Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling and detached garage with accommodation above at 4 Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TR
 NO OBJECTION

11/04561/TPO

Applicant: Mrs A. Baker, Arragon, High Street, South Cerney GL7 5UR
 Proposal: TPO 307 T. 1 Walnut. Reduce height and spread down to old reduction points

11/04569/FUL

Applicant: Dr & Mrs Franklin, 12 Sudeley Drive, South Cerney GL7 5XN
 Proposal: Two storey pitch roof extension at 12 Sudeley Drive, South Cerney GL7 5XN
 NO OBJECTION

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Land and seconded by Cllr Webb that the Parish Council accepts the above recommendations of its Planning Committee. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Nicholas had declared a prejudicial interest in this next application as the applicant is a client of his firm and made no response to the application. At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Nicholas left the room.

11/04262/AGFO

Applicant: Mr Harry Franklin, Sisters Farm, South Cerney GL7 5TN
 Proposal: Erection of a grain store at Sisters Farm, Bow Wow, South Cerney GL7 5TN (R)
 NO OBJECTION

It was proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Mrs Chapman that the Parish Council upholds the decision of its Planning Committee and ratifies its decision not to object to the application. The Parish Council was all in favour.

Cllr Nicholas returned to the room.

Planning applications granted by Cotswold District Council**11/02728/FUL CT.2416/B**

Erection of canopy over front door, alter existing flat roof garage to pitched roof and demolish and construct larger conservatory to the rear at Riverbank, School Lane, South Cerney

11/03317/FUL CT.0333/X

Installation of ground array of 15 solar photovoltaic PV panels at Bakers Farm, Cerney Wick

11/03347/FUL CT.4208/N

Replacement of front boundary fencing at Ann Edwards County Primary School, Berkeley Close, South Cerney

11/04292/TCONR

This application type was for information purposes only and was not open to consultation. No initial alert would have been sent.

Location: Lime Tree Cottage, Silver Street, South Cerney GL7 5TS

Proposal: 1) Maple front garden near street – fell. 2) Fruit tree rear of Maple – fell. 3) Cherry in garden right hand side of head of drive – reduce height and spread by 6–8 ft and shape. 4) Apple next to Cherry – shorten side branches by 4–5 ft away from neighbouring house

Planning applications refused by Cotswold District Council**11/01745/FUL CT.0807/X**

Erection of 6 dwellings, garages and associated works at The Carted Barn, High Street, South Cerney

Conditions of note: 1. Proposed Plots 1 to 3 would be prominently sited on the street frontage of High Street, and would be forward of neighbouring houses at Broadway Court and The Old Farmhouse. The gable end of Plot 1 would be very visible when approached from the west along High Street and the gable of Plot 3 would be particularly prominent when approached from the east. The gable width of Plots 1 to 3 is excessive in the context of vernacular forms within Cotswold District and would have an unacceptably harmful impact on the street scene and the adjacent South Cerney Conservation Area in this location. The proposal is therefore contrary to Cotswold District Local Plan Policies 15 and 42, and PPS5. 2. The proposed scale of the houses, plot sizes and space given over to garaging, parking and the access road, results in a cramped form of development that is too dense in relation to the size of the site as a whole. The design and layout would fail to conform with Cotswold District Local Plan Policy 46 as regards adequate space around dwellings, private outdoor living space, and privacy. In particular, the relationship between the proposed Plots 1 to 4 and neighbouring development would be harmful to residential amenity by creating an unacceptable degree of overlooking. In addition, the layout and density of the proposal do not represent good design in new housing development and are contrary to the requirements of PPS3.

11/04262/AGFO CT.6101/A

Erection of a grain store at Sisters Farm, Bow Wow, South Cerney GL7 5TN

There being no further business Cllr Nicholas had closed the meeting at 9.37 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. DISC (Disabled Information and Support in the Cotswolds) – Grant request to support a Christmas day lunch (added to list)
2. CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) – Support requested for the campaign to help prevent a disaster for the countryside as detailed in the coalition government's draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
3. Gloucestershire County Council – 11/02761/FUL copy letter from GCC to CDC regarding vehicular access to 22 School Lane (emailed to Parish Councillors)
4. Victim Support – Grant request (added to list)
5. Davey Franklin Jones Solicitors – Acknowledgement of receipt of fee for Registration of the title to the Recreation Ground

6. Citizens Advice Bureau – Invitation to attend AGM on Tuesday 1st November at The Green Dragon, Cockleford (RSVP if attending) (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
7. Boundary Commission for England – Consultation on the 2012 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
8. NALC – Guide: How to respond to planning applications (practical advice) (on circulation to members of the Planning Committee)
9. Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind – Insight Autumn 2011 magazine (on circulation to Parish Councillors)
10. Wildlife Trust – Gloucestershire State of the Environment Report 2011: 50th Anniversary (on circulation to Parish Councillors)
11. Cirencester Housing Society Ltd – Invitation to attend opening ceremony of three new affordable family homes in Southrop, near Lechlade on Tuesday 11th October at 2 pm (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
12. Thames Water Utilities Ltd – Improvements to Cirencester Sewage Treatment Works (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
13. Cllr P. Jay – Request that the Playing Fields and Village Maintenance Committee considers the installation of a dog waste bin at the allotments in School Lane; request GCC to install advisory signs for walkers and cyclists to cross the Spine Road near to the Gateway Centre by going under the bridge on the canal
14. Harrow Estates – 5th draft of S.106 Agreement in respect of the former Aggregate Industries site at South Cerney (copy held electronically)
15. South Cerney Cricket Club – Share of water costs (emailed to Committee members)
16. Gloucestershire Highways – Road number 4/7085 Northmoor Lane from: 3/178 Cirencester Road to Northmoor Lane to: – A419 Cricklade Road. Total Distance approximately 1.8km. Type of Closure/Restriction: Road Closure for carriageway resurfacing (road too narrow for traffic to pass with plant in road). Dates/Time Required: from 1st November 2011 until 4th November 2011 (emailed to Committee members)
17. Internal Audit & Compliance (IAC) – Services offered
18. Timberline Co. – Response to email from PC about damage to the floor of the train unit (emailed to Committee members)
19. Environment Agency – Responsibility of maintenance of Fanshawe Weir (emailed to all Parish Councillors)
20. Cllr Harris and Cllr Kimberley – 2011 Tree Report

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Jay reported that he had accompanied Cllr Mrs Tunbridge and Cllr Stuart to an event at the Duke of Gloucester Barracks on September 28th. Cllr Stuart will write a letter thanking the Army for its hospitality.

Cllr Jay was not at all confident that the group set up to rescue Lake 12 for the community would be able to compete with the private companies which were interested.

Cllr Jay was concerned that with the weather damage visible on the War Memorial. He had taken photographs of the stressed areas and sent them to the War Memorial Trust. He had also contacted the stone mason who had worked on the restoration and asked him to quote for its repair.

Prior to this meeting Cllr Jay reported that he had attended part of the Water Park Trust AGM at the Four Pillars Hotel. He had left that meeting after the accounts had been presented. It had been reported that the Water Park Trust owed the Gloucestershire County Council's Pension Fund £500,000 in contribution arrears. The fund would accept payments of £50,000 a year to clear the debt. Overall the Water Park Trust was £150,000 in the red but was in recovery.

Cllr Mrs Tunbridge reported that she had attend the function at the Duke of Gloucester barracks on September 28th.

Cllr Webb reported on a broadband initiative he had attended with Mr Raymond Fenton at Dolphin Hall in Tetbury on October 5th hosted by Gloucestershire First which updated communities regarding the improvements planned for the network in the county. This is an opportunity to have your say on the future of broadband in Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. There was a presentation about a 'demand stimulation' household survey which has been launched – available in both hard copy and online. This survey will provide residents with an important opportunity to have their say on what having faster broadband means to them. The 'on the ground' opinion is important in terms of enabling GFirst to negotiate with telecoms providers where there is most need for improvements. Those who were unable to attend should go to www.gfirst.co.uk/broadband to complete the questionnaire or contact Raymond Fenton on 01285 860395 for a paper version. Raymond has volunteered to become Broadband Champion for South Cerney.

Cllr Stuart reported that he had attended the function at the Duke of Gloucester barracks on September 28th and later that evening Beating the Retreat. At the function he had been introduced to the Brigadier who enquired why no footpath existed from Trenchard Gardens to South Cerney. Cllr Nicholas who is a member of Sustrans Route 45 group will propose that it should be incorporated. Representations to Gloucestershire County Council that the bus service could be extended to include the Duke of Gloucester barracks to South Cerney and Cirencester should be considered.

Cllr Stuart reported that he had attended a meeting of the Safer Cotswolds initiative at the Westwoods Centre at Northleach with Cllr Jay on 22nd September.

There had been a suggestion that Cotswold District Council was considering reinstating a weekly bin collection for general household waste. Parish Councillors were unanimously against such a backward step and asked the Clerk to inform the CDC that South Cerney with Cerney Wick Parish Council did not support the change to the present arrangements.

CERNEY NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

The open meeting to discuss Precept considerations.

Recruitment of a Youth Leader for R Way.

Access to R Way.

The broadband initiative.

There being no further business Cllr Stuart had closed the meeting at 9.48 pm.